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1. According to a report from two separate sources, Jose Guesada Larrea, former Peruvian Ambassador in Buenos Aires, has modified his presidential ambitions since his return to Lima. He has indicated that he is unwilling to split the Union Revolucionaria (UR), and has stated to friends, "Llosa is my friend. If he wishes to run, I will not."\* Observers believe that Llosa's success in gaining the support of a man as ambitious as Guesada is proof of his gifts as a politician.
2. Speaking about the Argentine political situation, Guesada is quoted as having expressed the opinion that dissatisfaction with Peron among army circles is approaching a crisis, and that Peron is tolerated only because his removal at present would cause serious popular disturbances. Nevertheless he believes that army influence is now in the ascendant and that the position of General Pedro Pablo Ramirez is becoming stronger daily. He believes that the fall of Peron is now only a question of months.

Comment. The presidential ambitions of Lt. Col. Alfonso Llosa, Minister of Development and Public Works, have been reported in [redacted]

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